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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 151

4 June 1953

1. The following were present:

Dr. Applsten	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Capt. Morganard	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
*Lt. Stallings	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
**Lt. Shalton	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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*Lt. R. L. Stallings, Navy NIS Coordinator, vice
Lt. Jones, effective 22 June 1953.

**Lt. Thomas A. Shalton, Alternate NIS Committee
Member, vice Major Hession, effective 28 May 53.

2. Dissemination of NIS Sections 23 to NATO (Major Moore - JMC)

The Vice-Chairman introduced Major Donald F. Moore, Secretary of the Joint Meteorological Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who informed the Committee of a request received by the JMC from NATO that copies of climatological studies covering certain NATO countries be made available to them. This subject is treated under the NIS Program in the Sections 23 (Weather and Climate). The Vice-Chairman stated that the request would be referred by the JMC to the Secretariat of the IAC in accordance with the normal procedure outlined in IAC-D-45/12, and that it was brought to the attention of the NIS Committee for the purpose of alerting the members prior to receipt of the usual IAC notification and request for the agencies' comments regarding dissemination of these studies to NATO.

The Vice-Chairman further stated that it is his understanding that none of the Sections involved is controlled, but that if any of the material is controlled by the producing agencies it will be automatically denied to NATO under the provisions of IAC-D-45/12.

3. NIS Supplement IV (Urban Areas)

In accordance with his agreement, the Vice-Chairman distributed copies of the list of 40 towns in the USSR for which Geographic Division, CIA, has a requirement for detailed Urban Area studies, together with an

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outline of the coverage desired. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 150, 12 May 1953). He expressed the opinion that the studies should be undertaken under the NIS Program if the required treatment is not too completely out of line with the concept of the NIS. The Vice-Chairman requested that the members study the proposed treatment, and submit their comments directly to D/B where they will be consolidated and presented to the NIS Committee for further consideration.

The Air Force member inquired as to whether the treatment proposed by CIA had been coordinated with Army Map Service, and the Vice-Chairman agreed to obtain information from Geographic Division as to what coordination has been effected with AHS and notify the members of his findings.

4. Proposals for FY 1954 Production Schedule

The Vice-Chairman referred to the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule, and requested that the members submit proposals for revision of the schedule to D/B by 15 June. Defections from the FY 1953 Production Schedule are to be included in their proposals.

In this connection the Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a tabulation showing the percentage of completion of the NIS on those areas in which production has been undertaken, together with a listing of elements still outstanding in the two highest priority groups which have not been scheduled for FY 1954. He asked that in the preparation of proposals for the final FY 1954 Production Schedule, the members give consideration to the inclusion of as many of these outstanding elements as possible.

The final Production Schedule for FY 1954 will be presented to the Committee for review and approval during the last week in June.

5. Status of NIS Production

The Vice-Chairman reviewed the current NIS production status, and stated that of a total of 201 Sections required to complete the FY 1953 Production Schedule, 115 Sections are overdue from previous months, and 86 Sections are due in June.

With regard to the Program as a whole, he stated that of the 520 Sections required to meet the goal of 8 NIS per year, 457 have been received in D/B. Thus, with a balance of only 63 Sections still outstanding, it appears that the 8 NIS per year goal set by the JCS can be achieved, and the Vice-Chairman urged the members to exert every effort toward that end. In this attempt, however, he stressed the importance of maintaining quality in the contributions.

6. Tentative FY 1955 Production Schedule

Referring to the Committee's decision to set 5 June 1953 as the date for submission to D/B of proposals for the tentative FY 1955 Production

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Schedule, the Vice-Chairman stated that Navy's proposals have already been received. He asked for a report on the progress being made by the other agencies. State advised that its schedule will be delivered to D/S within the next few days. However, in order to allow Army additional time to co-ordinate the schedule for Chapter VIII elements with the other agencies involved, the Committee agreed to extend the date for submission of the proposed schedule until such time as the agencies concerned reached agreement on this portion of the schedule.

7. Requirements for NIS elements on combined areas

The Vice-Chairman called for a report from the members as to their requirements for NIS on the combined areas. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 150, 12 May 1953). Since the members indicated that they were not yet prepared to report on their needs, the Vice-Chairman stated that the matter will be carried on the agenda until the members are in a position to make a definite reply.

8. Special Treatment of NIS Areas

The Vice-Chairman referred to the Committee's decision to again consider the treatment to be given areas which require special handling because of unusual situations within the areas. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 150, 12 May 1953).

After discussion, the Committee agreed to the following general policies with respect to such areas:

a. Where segmented treatment in an NIS Section is necessary because of political or other peculiarities within an area, all segments will be produced simultaneously under appropriate letter headings, and they will be published under one Section cover.

b. Where exceptional situations preclude the above prescribed treatment, the problem will be presented to the NIS Committee for determination of the treatment to be accorded the area concerned.

Following the establishment of the FY 1954 Production Schedule, the Vice-Chairman agreed to furnish the members with a list of the new areas on which production is to be undertaken. The Committee will then be in a position to determine which of these areas will require Committee action under b. above.

9. Comments on Questionnaire - Survey on NIS Program

The Vice-Chairman referred to the proposed questionnaire to be used in connection with the survey of user reaction to the NIS Program, and asked for comments from the members as to its modification or revision. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 150, 12 May 1953). The Navy member submitted a

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revised form containing his suggestions, together with a covering memorandum to accompany the form. The Vice-Chairman requested that the other agencies submit their proposed revisions to D/B as soon as possible. These will be consolidated, and a revised form will be presented for the Committee's consideration at a later date.

10. Proposed change of NIS nomenclature for NIS 44 and 99

The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a memorandum from State requesting consideration of a change in the designations of NIS 44 (British Indonesia) and NIS 99 (Philippine Islands), to NIS 44 (Malaya and British Borneo), and NIS 99 (Republic of the Philippines), respectively.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that a change in designations of these areas at this time would be expensive as the Base Maps, NIS Area Maps, Binders, and Covers for these areas had already been prepared bearing the present titles. In view of the expense involved the Committee decided a change would not be warranted at this time, and agreed to retain the present designation for these areas.

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11. Chapter VIII [REDACTED]

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that a question had been raised by the Chapter Coordinator regarding the treatment to be given the Chapter VIII (Armed Forces) [REDACTED] Since the producers of the several Sections would, of necessity, have to deal with much the same material due to the situation existing in the area, the Chapter VIII Coordinator requested Committee consideration of his proposal to incorporate all the Sections in one consolidated Section 80, thus eliminating much redundant material.

The Air Force member stated that his agency already has produced the Section 83 (Air Forces). In view of this, the Committee agreed that the Army and Navy Sections would be consolidated in the Section 80 (Introduction).

12. Return of Graphic Material

The State member asked if it would be possible for D/B to return graphic material submitted with their NIS contributions to the office of origin of these graphics rather than to his agency. He said that State did not want any of its own graphics returned, but that several of the contributors to the NIS elements coordinated by State had requested the return of their material.

It was pointed out that D/B has no way of knowing where the graphics accompanying State's contributions originate so all such material has been sent to State for return to the originating agencies. After discussion it was agreed that the originating agency would stamp its name on the back of

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each item of graphic material, and D/B would then return the material to that agency. If there is no indication on this material as to the originating agency, D/B will destroy the material.

13. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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